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INDEPENDENCE FOR FILIPINOS "WHEN THEY ARE READY"

SENATE PASSES BILL WITH CLARKE AMENDMENT STRICKEN

Provision That Islands Shall Be Thrown Upon Their Own Resources After Four Years is Eliminated and Demonstration of Ability to Maintain a Stable Government is Made a Prerequisite for Self Government

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireline)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—The senate today by a vote of 37 to 22 set its seal of approval on the Philippine bill as reported from the conference committee, with the Clarke amendment, which provided for the independence of the islands within four years, eliminated. The measure as approved, however, carries the promise that whenever the Filipinos have demonstrated their ability to maintain a stable government their wishes will be granted.

The original amendment of Senator Clarke of Arkansas proposed that the American jurisdiction be withdrawn not sooner than two years, and not longer than four years, guaranteeing for five years the independence of the Philippines pending negotiations between this country and foreign powers. On its passage in the senate, February 2, of the 56 Democrats 41 voted for the bill and 15 against. Of the 40 Republican senators seven voted with the Democratic majority and 33 opposed it.

KONA TOBACCO COMPANY SOON MAY REORGANIZE

Meeting is Called to Take Care of All Interests in Project

Plans for the reorganization of the Kona Tobacco Company, the taking over of the interests of Hackfeld & Company in the tobacco company and the placing of its business on a paying basis, are to be discussed at a meeting of some of those most interested in its affairs Friday afternoon. The meeting is called by W. R. Castle, who has confidence that the company can be operated successfully.

The call sent out for the meeting says: "Owing to war conditions Messrs. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., just on the eve of success perhaps, are compelled to give up the Kona Tobacco Company affairs. It does not seem to me that we should admit a total failure yet. Let us talk it over. I have a plan to propose. Will you meet the other tobacco men at the office of Castle & Withington at 3:30 p. m. August 18, 1916?"

"Sincerely yours,
"W. R. CASTLE."

Speaking of the meeting this morning W. R. Castle said: "We will meet to discuss the taking over of the Hackfeld interests and the possibility of conducting the business of the tobacco company successfully. A part of the plan embraces the bringing here of an expert on Sumatra tobacco growing and the proper cutting of the leaf so as to make cigars. With the time already expended in experiments, with the money that has been put into it and with the experience which we have gained from past efforts, I feel confident that we should now be able to go ahead with the project and carry it to a speedy ultimate success."

While the company has been able to grow tobacco of good quality and in commercial quantities the curing of the leaf and the marketing of the product presented problems that were found difficult of solution and prevented the placing of the industry on a paying basis. More recent developments, as indicated by the notice of meeting, were encouraging, and what these developments were will be told at the meeting.

Mr. Castle says that the plan he will offer includes the handling of all outstanding interests as well as for the general conduct of the affairs of the company. "These plans," he added, "I would rather not give out in advance of the meeting but prefer to present to those interested in persons where I can explain more fully, answer any questions that may be suggested and generally make a more satisfactory presentation that would otherwise be possible."

CUBAN COMPANY CUTS BIG MELON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireline)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The Cuban-American Sugar Co. today declared an extra cash dividend of 10 per cent and a 40 per cent stock dividend on the common, in addition to the regular quarterly 2 1/2 per cent dividend. The company.

Late News At A Glance

NAVY CHIEFS PLAN TO RUSH CONSTRUCTION
(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireline)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—The navy department has begun its plans for making effective the various provisions of the new appropriation bill, which provides for the expenditure of \$588,180,567 during the next three years in bringing the fighting unit second only to that of Great Britain. Several minor details were left out of the original bill in its final passage through the national assembly. The increases call for the construction of 157 warships within the next three years, and bringing the enlisted personnel up to 74,700 men.

MORGAN RAISES QUARTER-BILLION LOAN FOR BRITAIN
NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 16.—It was announced today that the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., financial representative in the United States for Great Britain, had successfully negotiated a quarter-billion-dollar loan for his overseas client.

UTILITIES COMMISSION AGAIN POSTPONES MEETING.
For the second time, the weekly meeting of the public utilities commission was postponed today, this time to 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The second postponement was necessary because Chairman Charles R. Forbes had to preside at a meeting of the board of harbor commissioners, of which he is chairman, this afternoon, and Commissioner J. N. S. Williams was also unable to be present this afternoon. The commission's meeting should have been held Tuesday.

HARBOR BOARD CONSIDERS WORK ON PIERS
Extra work on the new territorial piers 8, 9 and 10, will cost the territory \$14,007.50 more. At a meeting of the board of harbor commissioners this afternoon, a bill for that amount was held up until the next meeting. Chairman Charles R. Forbes said it is for a concrete wall which had to be built because the coral was too soft to hold the sheet piling for the work. He will make a complete report.

LARGE MEETING CONSIDERS BOND ISSUE.
The largest and most interesting gathering of members of the chamber of commerce held in months is on this afternoon. There were four score present when the meeting was called, and more are still streaming in. The proposed municipal bond issue is being discussed and the Honolulu business community is taking an interest in municipal affairs. At the meeting today were representatives of all of the civic organizations, the improvement clubs, the banks, trust companies, plantation agencies, public utilities, pineapple packing companies, in fact of every interest. A hasty look around the room revealed judges, lawyers, retailers, contractors, city officials, politicians and clerks. The governor, mayor and supervisors are there.

A short speech by Clarence Cooke, vigorously applauded, revealed the sentiment of those present. He believed in the bond issue, if any one wants to enlarge a plant and has not the money one borrows it. The same principle is applied to the city. It should borrow money for improvements needed now. Extensions to the water and sewer systems could pay for themselves during the life of the bonds. The cost of road improvements would be saved by a decrease in maintenance costs.

AD CLUB HOLDS LIVELY SESSION AT YOUNG TODAY

Aloha to Returning and Departing Members; Talks and New Songs Were Features

"Aloha Day" was featured at the Ad Club luncheon today at the Alexander Young hotel by extending a hand to Charles R. Frazier, R. H. Trent, John Lennox and returning members of the Honolulu delegation to the Associated Ad Clubs Convention in Philadelphia.

The meeting opened with a talk by Consul-General R. Morol, who spoke on the cosmopolitan spirit of the Ad Club, remarking that this organization was responsible for much of the good feeling in Hawaii among the members of the different races.

Kos Harris, a friend of Congressman William McKinley, who is well known here, told the Ad Club members of the floating of bonds in Wichita, Kansas. In a short talk R. H. Trent told how he led the parade in the big Ad Club meeting in the Quaker City. Charles R. Frazier gave a brief resume of the work accomplished, and the attention that was given the Honolulu contingent. A. E. Larimer attended the luncheon for the first time since his return, and told how pleased he was to return to Hawaii. J. Morton Riggs, who leaves for the mainland in a few days, was given an aloha by the members.

JAPANESE CRUISER ON ROCKS IN JAPAN CAN NOT BE SAVED BY NAVY

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, August 16.—The Japanese second-class cruiser Kasagi, which went aground on the reef at Oshima, has been hammered by the waves and is now broken in two parts. The naval authorities have given up hope of saving the ship. The Kasagi was built in the Cramp shipyard at Philadelphia in 1898. She was an armored cruiser of 4900 tons, with a speed of 22 knots. The cruiser carried two 8-inch guns. She is a sister ship of the Chitose, which was built in the same year by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco.

GERMANY OFFERS RUMANIA BRIBE FOR NEUTRALITY?

Paris Temps Hears Austrian Territory Would Be Given In Exchange

(Associated Press by Federal Wireline)
BUCHAREST, Rumania, Aug. 16.—The Epoca, a semi-official organ here, announces that Germany has made an offer of Austrian territory as compensation for the continued neutrality of Rumania.

GERMANS TAKE OVER DEFENSE OF TRIESTE

PARIS, France, Aug. 16.—A despatch to the Paris Temps from Milan, Italy, says reports are current that German troops are taking over the defenses of Trieste on the near approach of the Italian army. The despatch says they are sending troops specially organized for the purpose of strengthening the defenses of this strategic seaport on the Adriatic.

ITALIANS WIN TRENCHES ON MOUNTAIN SLOPES

ROME, Italy, Aug. 16.—Italian troops made further advances east and southeast of Gorizia. After severe fighting the Austrians were driven from their trenches on the slopes of Montepelice, on the northern edge of Carso plateau, San Marco and neighborhood of Canicattina. A squadron of French and Italian aeroplanes raided the outlying suburbs of Trieste, inflicting much damage. One French aeroplane was lost.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY DUEL ON WEST FRONT

PARIS, France, Aug. 16.—Official violent bombardments are going on at Thiaumont, Fleury, Vaux and Chaptre. Other sections of the western front are inactive.

RUSSIANS THROWN BACK, SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 16.—Official—in the Carpathians Germans captured heights overlooking Strawpuzna, north of Capul. North of the Dniester in Galicia, Russian attacks were repulsed.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE TO WIN IN GALICIA

PETROGRAD, Russia, Aug. 16.—Official despatches today report the capture of a series of heights west of Vorzhikha, Ardzmoy, Vorzhikha and Delatyn regions in Galicia, and the broken Austrian troops are in full retreat westward.

SLAVS TAKE THIRD OF MILLION PRISONERS

PETROGRAD, Russia, Aug. 16.—It is officially announced that from June 4 to August 12 the great drive of Czar Nicholas' troops has netted the huge total of 358,000 Austrian and German prisoners.

ITALY VISITED BY EARTHQUAKE; BADLY SHAKEN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireline)
LONDON, England, Aug. 16.—A severe earthquake shock visited the Italian provinces of Ancona, Pesaro and Rimini, according to a Rome despatch. No damage is reported from Ancona, but many houses were wrecked at Pesaro, and many inhabitants are thought to be buried in the ruins. The damage at Rimini was also extensive and many lives are feared to have been lost.

REVENUE BILL HAS FAVORABLE REPORT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—With the Republicans unanimously opposing, the senate finance committee today ordered a favorable report on the revenue bill as amended. The measure is calculated to raise \$205,000,000 yearly by its provisions.

CALIFORNIA WEDS BRITISH NOBLEMAN

LONDON, England, Aug. 16.—Earl Cottonham was today married to Patricia Burke, daughter of the late J. H. Burke of California.

HOPE OF AVERTING TROUBLE HINGES ON THURSDAY MEET

Granting of Eight-Hour Day By Railroads May Bring Recession From Unions of Demands Relative to Overtime—Lack of Plenary Power From Brotherhoods Occasions Delay for Resubmitting Proposals From Roads—President Watches

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireline)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—Railroad managers are today in conference over the proposal brought forward for the establishment of a permanent commission with power to act on all wage disputes in the future. The results of their deliberations have not been made public.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—The railroad situation shows little material change today, and interest is centered in the conference tomorrow which President Wilson will hold with the representatives of the various roads and the general committee, numbering 640, of the Brotherhoods at the capital.

In the interval the workmen's representatives are discussing the proposals already submitted as a result of the various conferences held with the chief executive.

The president is keeping in close touch with both sides, and is said to have worked out a plan whereby the railroads grant the men's demands for an eight hour day, and reserve collateral issues to be investigated by a federal commission to be appointed later. It is presumed that should the railroads concede the men's demand for an eight hour day, the Brotherhoods may modify their stand on the overtime issue.

In the meantime negotiations have been halted as the Brotherhood chiefs lacked the plenary powers to come to any final decision without first submitting the proposed basis for settlement to the different unions.

JAPAN ANGERED BY ATTACK UPON ITS GARRISON

When Reinforcements Reach Scene it is Found Chinese Soldiers Have Departed

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 16.—When news of the violent action of Chinese soldiers at Cheng-chia-tun against the Japanese garrison reached this city, the nation's indignation reached a high point. The government is urged to make strong protest to China.

TOKIO RECEIVES FIRST DETAILS OF ATTACK

(Special Cable to Hawaii Hoichi)
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 16.—Particulars received regarding the conflict which took place between a Chinese force of 3000 and the Japanese garrison of 100 stationed at Cheng-chia-tun say the trouble started with the killing of a Japanese merchant named Noda by the Chinese soldiers stationed there. When the report of this reached the Japanese police authority, Officer Kawase was sent to investigate, but he was also killed by Chinese soldiers. An appeal was made to the headquarters of the Japanese garrison stationed there for the protection of the Japanese railroad. Lieut. Matsuo, who commanded the garrison with 90 soldiers, was hastened to the place. While they were on the way they were fired on by the Chinese force. Commander Matsuo was among the first to fall and 17 other soldiers under his command were killed.

When this was reported to headquarters of the Japanese Manchurian garrison at Mukden, one battalion of Japanese soldiers at Tich-Ling and one company at Sha-ho was ordered to hasten to Cheng-chia-tun to meet the Chinese.

A long conference was held between the commander in chief of the home army, General Ueyehara and General Oshima, minister of war, this morning, according to the telegraph report from the commander of the Japanese Manchurian garrison at Mukden.

CHINESE LEAVE BEFORE JAPANESE FORCE COMES

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shingo)
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 16.—A Japanese battalion and cavalry regiment with 2 machine guns were hastened to Cheng-chia-tun by orders of Mukden headquarters. They arrived early this morning, but the Chinese force disappeared as soon as the news of coming Japanese soldiers reached them. All Japanese residents are returning to their homes.

The cases of several boys, charged with stealing coal and selling it for 35 cents a sack, will be taken up in juvenile court next Saturday morning before Judge Ashford.

The first annual accounts of the Hawaiian Trust Company, trustee of the estate of the late Robert William Cathcart, have been filed in circuit court.

Boston's new drydock, which will be 1200 feet long, will be the largest in North or South America.

REMAND KUHIO CASE BACK TO CIRCUIT COURT

Justices in Decision Reverse Ruling and Order Made By Judge T. B. Stuart

Circuit Judge T. B. Stuart's ruling and order sustaining motions of Attorney Lorin Andrews, appointed by him as "guardian ad litem" of Queen Liliuokalani, overruling the demurrers of the respondents in the suit brought by Delegate Kuhio to break the trust in which the queen's property is held, and striking from the files the papers filed by Antonio Perry as counsel for the queen, are reversed in a decision handed down by the supreme court today.

This decision by the justices of the supreme court takes the delegate's case back to the lower court, it being ordered that "the cause be remanded to the circuit judge for further proceedings not inconsistent with the views expressed in this opinion."

With regard to the issue raised by Kuhio to the effect that Liliuokalani was not mentally competent, the decision holds that the question of the queen's sanity should have been disposed of by Judge Stuart before going into the other phases of the case. In this respect the justices comment as follows:

"A next friend or guardian ad litem may be appointed for a person who, though not insane, is alleged to be weak minded and, because of the undue influence and domination of another, is not a free agent. But where an issue is raised by the party's denial of such weak mindedness and undue influence, that issue must be heard and determined 'in limine' and before further steps are taken in the suit."

Previously the supreme court held that the presumption of competency prevailed in favor of the queen, that she had the right to control the suit as far as she was concerned, and to discontinue the same as she had done. Later, it was held that the queen was not by right a party-complainant in the suit with the delegate, it being alleged that the suit had been filed without the knowledge or consent of the queen, although, in the original suit, Kuhio appeared as "next friend" of the queen.

The case decided today came before the court on an appeal perfected by the queen, and the first question determined in the decision is that the appeal should rightly be entertained. The next question is whether Judge Stuart erred in postponing consideration of the issue.

INFANT DEATHS AGAIN INCREASE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireline)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 16.—Yesterday the health authorities reported an increase again in infant deaths. Thirty-nine deaths and 163 new cases were the total for Tuesday and today's figures record 34 deaths and 113 new cases.